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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 4, 2007

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 4, 2008, Applicants file this Response and Amendment and a Request for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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